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SUBJECT: POLAND - SITREP NO. 30

1. (CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SITUATION IN POLAND AS OF 0700 EST DECEMBER 26, 1981.

3. THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT AT MIDDAY DECEMBER 26 WARSAW IS EXCEEDINGLY QUIET UNDER A LIGHT SNOWFALL. HEAVY ATTENDANCE CONTINUES AT CHURCH SERVICES BUT THERE IS ALMOST NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN THE STREETS. VISIBLE MILITARY PRESENCE, INCLUDING ROADBLOCKS, HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED IN THE CAPITAL; ONLY A FEW FOOT PATROLS ARE TO BE

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4. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY, CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY PASSED IN A SOBER, SUBDUED ATMOSPHERE AS WARSAW CHURCHGOERS HEARD QUIETIST MESSAGES FROM PRIMATE GLEMP AND PARISH PRIESTS. EMBASSY OFFICERS ATTENDING MIDNIGHT MASS AT WARSAW'S CATHEDRAL DECEMBER 24 - 25 SAID VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE POGGI AROUSED KEEN INTEREST AS HE CONVEYED THE POPE'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND DEEP CONCERN FOR THE POLISH PEOPLE IN THE CRISIS. THE SERMON AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH MENTIONED LABOR DISTURBANCES IN THE CITIES OF

RADOM, KATOWICE AND KIELCE BUT TOOK NO PARTISAN POSITION. THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT RELATIVELY FEW PEOPLE IN WARSAW LIT CANDLES IN THEIR WINDOWS CHRISTMAS EVE TO SHOW SYMPATHY FOR SOLIDARITY AND THE EMBATTLED WORKERS IN RESPONSE TO A CLANDESTINE SOLIDARITY APPEAL.

5. IN THE MIDDLE OF A THREE-DAY (DECEMBER 25-27) HIATUS IN NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION, POLISH RADIO AND TV HAVE CONTINUED TO CARRY THE PAP CHARACTERIZATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S DECEMBER 23 SPEECH AS "BRUTAL INTERFERENCE" IN POLISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THREATENING NOT ONLY US-POLISH RELATIONS BUT ALSO THE POLISH STANDARD OF LIVING. THE SOVIET MEDIA KEPT UP THEIR CONDEMNATORY BARRAGE DECEMBER 25, SHIFTING THE FOCUS OF PERSONAL ATTACKS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO SECRETARY HAIG AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER. MOSCOW DOMESTIC RADIO CHARGED THE SECRETARY, IN HIS STATEMENT ON US TELEVISION, WITH INTERFERING DIRECTLY IN POLAND'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS BY DEMANDING THAT "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ANTISOCIALIST FORCES" BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WORKING TOWARD UNDERMINING THE SOCIALIST ORDER AND THE BREAKDOWN OF THE POLISH ECONOMY. THE REPORT REPEATED EARLIER ACCUSATIONS THAT THE US SOUGHT TO PROVOKE A CONFRONTATION IN POLAND. TASS INTERNATIONAL CHARGED THE ADMINISTRATION WITH ATTEMPTING TO PUT "GROSS PRESSURE" ON WESTERN EUROPE AND DRAW US ALLIES INTO THE "ANTI-POLISH, ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA ... BEING WHIPPED UP BY WASHINGTON ...". THIS, THE REPORT CHARGED, WAS THE REASON BEHIND ASSISTANT SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER'S TRIP, WHICH PROVED THAT US STATEMENTS ABOUT NONINTERFERENCE IN

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POLAND'S AFFAIRS ARE FALSE AND HYPOCRITICAL.

6. A RELIABLE SOURCE WITHIN THE HUNGARIAN DISSIDENT COMMUNITY TOLD EMBASSY BUDAPEST DECEMBER 24TH THAT A GROUP OF TEN HUNGARIANS HAD PUBLISHED AN APPEAL/PETITION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE POLISH WORKING CLASS FAMILIES WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN KILLED, WOUNDED OR DETAINED DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE SOURCE INSISTED THAT THE APPEAL, ISSUED DECEMBER 22, WAS NOT A POLITICAL PROTEST. HOWEVER, COMMENTS THE EMBASSY, THE DOCUMENT IS BEING INTERPRETED AS A POLITICAL STATEMENT AND IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO RFE. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE APPEAL IS THE FIRST OPEN MANIFESTATION OF PUBLIC SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE POLES BY A PRIVATE GROUP IN HUNGARY.

7. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. HAIG

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